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FACILITATING ELECTRONIC  
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## AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed July 5, 2000, please amend the application as follows:

## In the Title

Please amend the title to read –FACILITATING ELECTRONIC COMMERCE  
TRANSACTIONS THROUGH BINDING OFFERS–.

## In the Abstract

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